

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an interview held 8/4/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 6 and 7.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 8/4/05.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Linnebur on 8/4/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancelled claims 1-5 and inserted the following claims 6 & 7.

Claim 6.

A seed boot for use in combination with an air seeder, chisel plow or cultivator having air seeder components capable of injecting dry granular material vertically downward into a groove in the soil and including a plurality of chisel shank units, comprising;

a. a vertically oriented conveyance tube having an inlet connectable to a source of granular material transported by means of pressurized air, and an exit which is formed for precise granular material injection and formed to prevent soil from jamming up into said exit and

b. a triangular configured bracket comprising a forward slanted portion, a rearward portion extending substantially vertically during operation and a bottom portion extending substantially horizontally during operation, with the bracket providing

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structural support and further including a means of directly mounting said bracket to at least one said plurality of chisel shank units by means of mounting holes in said forward slanted portion of said bracket, said conveyance tube being mounted directly to said rearward substantially vertical portion of said bracket and

c. a replaceable knife mounted directly to a vertically extending mounting tab, said mounting tab directly mounted to an underside of said bottom portion of said bracket, said replaceable knife vertically aligned with said bracket and positioned adjacent a front of said conveyance tube exit during operation, said knife configured to penetrate a compacted layer formed by a sweep shovel, which in turn forms said groove below said compacted layer.

Claim 7.

The seed boot as set forth in claim 6, mounted to said at least one chisel shank unit, in combination with a sweep shovel having wings with top edges, said sweep shovel being mounted to a front side of said at least one chisel shank unit.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Victor Batson whose telephone number is (571) 272-6987. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Will can be reached on (571) 272-6998. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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